



MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH BY HEAVY MACHINERY



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500-Pound Jack Falls On Worker

A Torrance mechanic was crushed to death Monday afternoon when a heavy piece of machinery fell on him.

Dead is William Reeder Wagon, 56, of 20315 Denker ave., Torrance, who was employed at BMW corp., 1740 Abalone st., Torrance.

Ironically, the piece of machinery which killed him was the last of its kind manufactured by the company. It was a big Lockheed airplane jack weighing about 500 pounds. The company had made 60 of them and Wagon had helped with about half, according to company officials.

The jack fell on Wagon when it slipped off the fork lift truck as it was being moved. Wagon was guiding the placement of the machinery when the accident occurred.

He apparently tried to stop the machinery from falling when it began to teeter, according to a company spokesman. Another employe jumped clear of the falling jack.

The company spokesman said that this was the first major catastrophe the firm has had in three years.

Wagon started with the company in October, 1956. He and his family have been in Torrance 10 months. The worker was born in Palestine, Texas.

Services were held yesterday at Halverson-Leavell mortuary, with burial following at Pacific Crest cemetery.

Wagon is survived by his wife, Arlene; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Harrison, Lawndale, and Mrs. Lella Abernathy, Dallas, Texas; two sons, William R. Wagon Jr., and Samuel A. Wagon, Torrance; four sisters, Mrs. Eddie L. Newson, Mrs. H. H. Hudson, Miss Olive Pound, Mrs. Myrtle M. Martin; a brother, Doug Pound of Texas; and six grandchildren.

PASTIME ON A HOT DAY
Indulging in some wet but clean fun are four of 12 "Miss Torrance" contestants, Jean McNeil, Margie Thompson, Tootie Hasel, and Janice Green (l-r). See page 4 for other candidates.

PRESS SURVEY:

How Gals Here Feel About 'Miss Universe' Contest

Torrance will have its counterpart of the "Miss Universe" contest when local lovelies vie for the "Miss Torrance" title Saturday, July 27.

How do local contestants feel about the "Miss Universe" contest? Here are some answers:

TOOTIE HASEL, Al's Market: "I don't care for their bathing suits. They look like sacks. The suits just don't have it."

MARGIE THOMPSON, Cal-Gym: "I don't think there are too many good girls from the States (US). I think Miss Italy should win the contest. She has looks, figure, and personality."

JEAN McNEIL, Service Associates agency: "I've been so busy I haven't followed it."

JANICE GREEN, Caprino's restaurant: "Yes, I think 'Miss Torrance' may become 'Miss Universe' some day. Sandra Lee Constance of Torrance became 'Miss California' four years ago and almost went on to the 'Miss Universe' finals."

Last Chance to Enter 'Miss Torrance' Contest

A total of 12 girls have now officially entered the "Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant" which will be held in the industrial display tent at the Torrance Ranchero Days celebration, Saturday night, July 27.

The latest entries include Jean McNeil, sponsored by Service Associates agency and Georgia Sanford.

Any girl living in Torrance who is unmarried and between the ages of 15½ and 30 years is eligible. Contestants must furnish their own sponsor. Application blanks and other information materials may be obtained at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Deadline for entries is Saturday, July 20, at 5 p.m.

Trophies and other prizes will be presented to the winners during the big pageant. Other contestants and their sponsors include Tootie Hasel, Al's Market; Jude Ann Simko, Gallen Kamp's Shoes; Ila DeVore, Torrance Bootery; Sharon Smith, Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Lynn Lehl, Torrance Optimist club; Ann Thomas, Custom Real Estate; Margie Thompson, Cal-Gym; Sharon Starns, Torrance Flower shop; Vera Roberson, Lewellen Press; and Janice Green, Caprino's Restaurant.

BOY HURT ON BIKE

Leonard D. Echand, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bissailon, 21605 Ladeene ave., was hurt yesterday when his bike collided with a truck at Sepulveda blvd. and Ocean ave. According to Torrance police the boy turned in front of the truck as he tried to cross the highway. He was said to be critical.

North American Lay-Offs Won't Affect Local Plant

Torrance's 2757 employes of North American Aviation are still waiting to find out what effect the Air Force cancellation of its contract for development of the SM-64 Navaho guided missile will have on them.

Street Light Districts Get Council OK

Establishment of street lighting maintenance and operating districts throughout Torrance was ordered by the City Council Tuesday night in a 3-1 vote.

"It isn't fair for persons living in areas without street lighting to pay for power being used in other areas," Councilman Robert Jahn, who made the motion, stated.

The council acted on recommendation of City Manager George Stevens, who said that the city was spending more than \$50,000 annually out of the general fund to provide service and electricity to such areas.

The recommendation was made as residents of a large tract west of Hawthorne and south of 190th st. indicated their intention to form an assessment district for installation of street lighting standards.

City Attorney Stanley Remel-meyer said that it will take about a year to complete the steps for the formation of the city-wide districts.

Under the plan, property owners in each assessment district will pay a proportionate share of the cost of furnishing electrical power for the street lights in the vicinity of their homes.

The city will pay for power to lights at intersections. Councilman Victor Benstead opposed formation of the districts. Mayor Albert Isen, and Councilmen Willys Blount and Jahn favored the districts. Councilman Nick Drale was absent.

Incorporation Bill Signed By Governor

A bill which will regulate future incorporation procedures was signed into law by Governor Goodwin Knight, according to L. E. Ross of the Lomita Civic League.

The bill calls for a two-year grace period if incorporation is defeated either at an election or while circulating petitions calling for an election. Until now groups could keep refiling without limit.

The bill also calls for an 80-day rather than the present 50-day period after notice is filed for circulating petitions during which time no other action may be taken.

The bill will not affect the present status of Lomita's incorporation fight.

LATE BULLETIN: Latest word about the layoff is that about 15,600 employes will be affected but that employes at the Torrance plant will probably not be hit since little of the Navaho work was done here. Seniority rights may play a minor factor in accordance with union regulations as some of the workers at other plants are being relocated, a spokesman for the company said.

The Air Force last week canceled its contract for further work on the missile because of "budgetary considerations."

Some 15,000 North American employes out of 51,000 in the area will be affected, company spokesmen said.

Attempts will be made to give new job assignments to those affected. Others will be laid off. Officials will first study the details of the Air Force action until making definite decisions.

The Torrance plant of North American employs about 500 persons. The plant deals mostly with airframe production, metal homecoming, and plastics. Some part of the missile work was done here.

Most employes at the local plant live in Torrance. Main work on the missile was done at Downey, where an estimated 750 local residents work.

Some 750 local residents work at the Los Angeles plant and about 500 in the Crenshaw plant, near Hawthorne.

Figueroa Turn-off Opposed

Carson Civic Betterment assn. protested the shifting of the Figueroa freeway turn-off from Carson to 220th street.

Rome Gately, president of the group, indicated the group took this stand because traffic coming off the highway at 220th st. would endanger school children attending White Junior high school, which is located at that corner.

TRAILER TRAVELS

Twenty calls! That's C. A. Harner's experience with Torrance Press classified ads.

Harner, who lives at 2359 248th st., Lomita, placed the following ad in the Torrance Press:

FOR SALE—14 ft. aluminum travel trailer. DA-4437

For quick, inexpensive results, call FA 8-2345 and place your classified ad. Fifteen words cost only \$1.30 with a 30 cent discount if paid for at time the ad is placed.



OUT OF THIS WORLD
McMaster park, North Torrance, was the scene of an "Invasion" by male and female "Saucerians" Monday. Upon being unmasked, however, it was obvious that the spacemen (and women) were none other than youthful earthlings. They are (l-r) Mark Wegehaupt, Bill Whitlow, Bill Krodel, Barbara Doran and Rachel Ann Jacob. Looks like they're scanning the skies for other Saucerians.—Press Photo.

\$4 Million Bond Issues Planned For Airport, Parks Development

Calling of a special October election for voting on \$4 million bond issue which would add about 15 cents annually to the tax bill was approved tentatively by the Torrance City Council Monday at an informal meeting.

EDITORIAL

Let's Take a New Look At Our School Names

We agree with Walter C. Eells, retired education professor, that there is nothing so unimaginative as the names we give our schools and that something should be done about it.

Names such as Seaside, Welteria, Fern, Crenshaw ave., or Casimir elementary schools are extremely uninspiring.

And schools named after educators and civic leaders are absolutely meaningless to youngsters and most people.

Since schools are intended for children, they should be named in such a way as to be meaningful to children.

We suggest that the Torrance Board of Education, responsible for naming schools, try to capture something of the color and imaginativeness of the child's world.

Elementary schools, for instance, could be given names such as the following: Huck Finn, Bambi, Br'er Rabbit, Chicken Little, Paul Bunyan, Hiawatha, Sitting Bull, Cochise, or Davy Crockett elementary school.

High school names could include: Three Musketeers, Captains Courageous, Treasure Island, Adam Bede, Show Boat, Ramona, Pied Piper, Pilgrim's Progress, or Starman high school.

By taking another look at the school naming problem, Torrance might very easily take a lead in establishing an imaginative approach which may be hailed nationwide.

We urge the Board of Education to give this matter some serious thought. We also invite our readers to write us their views on this matter to be published as space permits.

Of this amount, \$1,000,000 would go for airport improvements, \$2,500,000 for the purchase of additional park sites, and \$500,000 for development of present parks.

The airport bonds would be used for purchasing 85 acres of land and facilities for increased airport effectiveness. This money would probably be matched by Federal allocations, according to City Manager George Stevens.

The \$3,000,000 recreation bond is about \$2,000,000 less than the \$5,000,000 proposed by the Gold report made by Kroger and Associates who made a professional survey of Torrance's recreation needs.

Stevens stressed the importance of buying as much land as possible now because of the constant increase in land values which may make sites prohibitive a few years from now.

He suggested that all money voted for the recreation bond be used for land purchase and that present parks be improved on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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Local Fair To Open Wednesday

"Hi ya partner," are the words spoken in Torrance this week as final plans are readied for the kick-off of the First Annual "Ranchero Day" Celebration July 24 through 28.

The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 at which time the "Industrial exhibit" will open in a huge tent behind the beautiful new Civic Center, 3031 Torrance blvd.

The Midway will include 15 "thrill" rides, 40 food and skill booths (operated by local clubs and organizations) and a number of military exhibits including a "Nike", the B-50 Bomber, "Lady Luck 11", the first plane to fly non-stop around the world, and the USS Recruiter, a 40 ft. aircraft carrier replica.

Other highlights include swimming championships, an aquacade, a parade, 2-Day Rodeo, and a giant parade.



RIVIERA HOSPITAL COMPLETED

A total of 210 physicians and 175 well-trained and experienced employes will serve the new Riviera hospital.—Press Photo.

Open House Sunday at New Riviera Hospital

Dedication ceremonies and open house for the new Riviera hospital will be held Sunday, July 21, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The hospital, located at 4025 W. 226th st. (south of Sepulveda blvd. and west of Hawthorne ave.) cost \$1,200,000.

The 93-bed general hospital contains three private rooms, 35 semi-private rooms, and five ward rooms of four beds each. There are 77 medical-surgical beds, 16 obstetrical beds, and 18 bassinets.

Personnel
The non-sectarian hospital established to serve the entire South Bay area, has 210 doctors on the medical staff at present and about 175 well-trained and experienced employes to serve the patients.

It will be open for patients Monday afternoon, July 22. Participating in Sunday's ceremonies will be Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance; Richard Fitzgerald, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Robert Nielsen, Riviera hospital chief of staff; Dr. Howard Wood, councilor of the Los Angeles County Medical assn.; Merle D. Sharpe, president of the Riviera Hospital corp.; and Jack Saylin, administrator of the Riviera hospital.

The hospital, operated by the Riviera Hospital corp., was built by Walter and Lee Brown on four acres of land purchased through Frank Stanton of Clyde Marsh Realty co.

Staff privileges are limited to MDs licensed to practice in California and who are eligible for membership in the Los Angeles County Medical assn.

The hospital is planned to be fully accredited by the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Hospitals after the one year required period of operation.

Modern Facilities
In addition to the standard

equipment of most hospitals, the Riviera Hospital rooms are equipped with: direct intercommunicating system between nurses and patients; electrically operated hi-low beds; television; music piped in the corridors and service areas; oxygen piped to all patients and to the surgical and obstetrical suites and the nurseries; picture windows looking out on four acres of beautifully landscaped grounds and patios; colorfully decorated rooms with modern furnishings for comfort and therapeutic cheerfulness.

The surgical suite comes equipped with all stainless steel and the most modern facilities. There are two major surgeries, one minor surgery,

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INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER

With the grace of dancing partners in a violent adagio of death, the bareback bronc rider and his mount whirl through the eight-second ride. The cowboy has only a simple handhold on his rigging, a smooth surcingle, to help him hang onto the wildly pitching bronc. Already badly out of balance, this rider will probably bite the dust on the bronc's next jump. This scene will be duplicated many times during the two rodeos scheduled in Torrance July 27 and 28.